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SUBJECT: FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VOTE ON PUNITIVE REDUC-
TION OF CONTRIBUTION TO UNESCO

REF: PARIS 29601

1. IN CONTRAST PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED EXPECTATION (REFTEL)
THAT FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WOULD LIKELY NOT REPEAT NOT
APPROVE FRENCH SENATE'S INITIATIVE TO REDUCE BY 10 PER-
CENT THE GOF CONTRIBUTION TO UNESCO, FRENCH DEPUTY PERM-
REP TO UNESCO (CHESNEAU) TOLD DELOFF THERE NOW A STRONG
POSSIBILITY THAT REDUCTION WILL GO THROUGH. AS DEPART-
MENT AWARE, PROPOSED SUM TO CUT WOULD BE 2 MILLION
FRANCS (ABOUT \$450,000). ASSEMBLY VOTE WILL BE CAST BY
DECEMBER 23 DEADLINE FOR CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET.

2. CHESNEAU CITED CONTINUING INTENSE PUBLIC CRITICISM IN
FRANCE OF UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE DECISIONS RE ISRAEL
AND RESULTANT HESITANCY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO INTERVENE
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ON ISSUE THAT HAS AROUSED STRONG CRITICISM FROM ALL IDEO-

LOGICAL QUARTERS. ISSUE ARISES IN CONTEXT OF NATIONAL BUDGET IN WHICH THERE MANY ITEMS OF FAR GREATER IMPORTANCE THAN UNESCO CONTRIBUTION FOR GOVERNMENT TO DEFEND.

3. HOWEVER, CHESNEAU OBSERVED THAT CONSIDERATION OF FRANCE AS HOST COUNTRY FOR UNESCO HEADQUARTERS MAY ULTIMATELY DISSUADE ASSEMBLY FROM TAKING CONCRETE SANCTION AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION. HE NOTED TOO THAT QUAI IS QUITE SENSITIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF FRANCE HONORING ITS LEGAL OBLIGATIONS AS UNESCO MEMBER, ALTHOUGH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTIES PRESENTLY SEEM INDIFFERENT TO THIS ARGUMENT.

4. CHESNEAU PROMISED TO ADVISE PERMDEL THE MOMENT HE RECEIVES NEWS OF THE ASSEMBLY VOTE.
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